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Site Improvements Planned at Metro's East Recycling Convenience Center

Temporary Closing Will Impact Large Load, Bulk Item Customers

For several weeks beginning February 1, Public Works' East Recycling Convenience Center, located off Trinity Lane and Ellington Parkway, will be closed on Sundays and limiting the size and amount of materials residents can dispose of while site improvements are underway.

Residents will still be able to bring recycling and household hazardous waste items to the center Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., but there will be a limit of up to three (3) bags of household trash per day, and no large loads, pickup trucks, trailers or large bulk items will be accepted. These customers will be directed to Metro's Omohundro Recycling Convenience Center, off Lebanon Pike and Fessler's Lane, which will have more staff and extended operating hours to serve the public until the East Center repairs are complete.

The temporary, partial closing at East is necessary while aged and crumbling brick walls that support the drive-up roll-off containers are being replaced with new concrete walls. The work is the latest effort by Metro Public Works to improve equipment and operations at its Recycling Convenience Centers. Last summer, Metro completed an estimated \$600,000 renovation of the Anderson Lane Recycling Center, off Myatt Drive in Madison. In addition to the wall repairs, East Center will get new asphalt paving this Spring.

"East Center, which has been open the longest and is used most often by the public, needs these improvements to make it as customer-friendly as possible," said

Public Works Director Billy Lynch, adding that on weekends, as many as 50 customers a day visit the site located at 939 Dr. Richard Adams Drive.

“The goal is for all three of our recycling convenience centers to be accessible and safe for the residents of Davidson County to use.”

In addition to accepting recycling, household trash, furniture, appliances and other bulk items, East Recycling Center is the designated disposal site for household hazardous waste, such as paint, antifreeze, batteries and computers. During calendar year 2006, more than 70,000 citizens used the site to drop off over 12,000 tons of trash, approximately 800 tons of recyclables and 360 tons of household hazardous waste.

Public Works officials estimate the wall repairs will last 4-6 weeks. Several East Center staff members will be temporarily re-assigned to the Omohundro Center, which will be open on Sundays and for longer hours during the week. Starting February 1, the Omohundro site will be open Monday-Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays to accept recycling and three bags or less of household trash only.

Complete information about Metro’s convenience centers – including locations, driving directions, hours of operation and what items are accepted -- is available at www.nashville.gov/recycle, or by calling 880-1000.

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